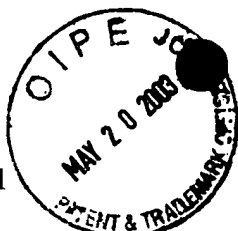


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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated January 21, 2003. Reconsideration of the application is requested. The application is not amended in this response.

REMARKS

Non-Final Office action. The Office Action Summary of the January 21, 2003 Office action mistakenly indicates the rejection is final. An attorney of record, Alan Aldous, noticed this mistake and called Examiner Kang who on seeing the mistake faxed a new Office Action Summary indicating that the action is non-final (a copy of which is attached hereto). The Examiner is thanked for the correction.

Claims in the application. Claims 29-50 are in the application of which claims 29 and 40 are in independent form.

Claims 29, 32-35, 40-42 & 46-50. Claims 29, 32-35, 40-42 & 46-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art (APA) (FIG. 1) in view of Manning et al. (US 5,962,887). For the following reasons, the rejections should be withdrawn.

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